

Senate Bill No. 310

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2005, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 1047 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans' homes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 310, Chesbro. Veterans' homes: funding.

Existing law requires the administrator of a veterans' home to maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund to be used for the general welfare of the residents of veterans' homes.

This bill would require the fund established for the Yountville facility to maintain a reserve in the amount of \$2,000,000.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund is critical to promoting an enhanced quality of life for residents of veterans' homes.

(b) A financially sound Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund is necessary to meet the long-term financial obligations of providing services and activities for the residents of veterans' homes.

(c) Annual contributions to the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund are uncertain and likely to decrease in the coming years.

(d) A prudent reserve of income-producing funds is desirable to ensure that services and activities for residents of veterans' homes are maintained.

SEC. 2. Section 1047 of the Military and Veterans Code is amended to read:

1047. (a) The administrator shall maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund that shall be used, at the discretion of the administrator and subject to the approval of the secretary, to provide for the general welfare of the veterans, including, but not limited to, providing for operations of the Veterans' Home Exchange, hobby shop, motion picture theater, library, band, and any other function that is operated for the morale, welfare, and

recreation of the veterans, and to pay for newspapers, chapel expenses, welfare and entertainment expenses, sport activities, celebrations, and any other activity that is for the morale, welfare, and recreation of the veterans.

(b) Money in the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund may not be expended for any of the following:

- (1) Medical treatments or any other related treatment.
- (2) Maintenance of the physical plant of the home.
- (3) Any function, operation, or activity that is not directly related to the morale, welfare, or recreation of the veterans.

(c) Appropriations from the General Fund for the purposes described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) may not be reduced for the purpose of, or to have the effect of, requiring increased expenditures from the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund for those described purposes.

(d) The administrator shall prepare an itemized report that is organized by category and accounts for all expenditures made from the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund during the previous fiscal year and shall submit the report on or before August 20 of each year to all of the following:

- (1) The secretary.
- (2) The fiscal committees of the Assembly and the Senate.
- (3) The committees of the Assembly and the Senate that have subject matter jurisdiction over veterans' affairs.
- (4) The Veterans' Home Allied Council.

(e) The Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund for the Veterans' Home of California, Yountville, shall maintain a reserve in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The reserve shall be invested in securities, upon the advice of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee and with the approval of the administrator and the secretary.

Approved _____, 2005

Governor